

REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1–8 are currently under allowance with claims 9–20 added by this paper.

Claim amendments

The claims have been amended according to conventional US practice and do not add new matter.

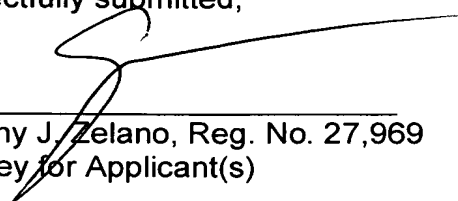
New claims 9–20 are all dependent on allowed claims and are supported by the disclosure contained in the Applicants' specification, as originally filed. Support for new claims 9–10 can be found, for example, at page 12, last paragraph; support for new claims 12–14 can be found, for example, at page 13, lines 23–30; new claims 15–16 are supported by the disclosure contained in, for example, page 14, line 1 to page 15, line 10; and support for new claims 17–20 can be found, for example, at page 15, lines 22–31. No new matter is added.

It is submitted that the entry of the new claims does not impose any additional burden on the PTO. Only a cursory review of the record is necessary for entering the amendments. The Examiner is therefore courteously requested to examine the newly added claims on their merit.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the new claim be entered and the application forwarded for further action consistent with the Notice of Allowance.

No fees are believed to be due with this response; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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